



City of Alexandria

Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

December 5, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Alexandria Police Department Headquarters

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Donna Fossum, John Komoroske, Jennifer Mitchell, Kevin Posey, Josh Sawislak, Louisa Ward, and Justin Wilson

Staff Present: Susan Gygi – T&ES, , Sandra Marks – T&ES, Marti Reinfeld - T&ES, Steve Sindiong - T&ES, Karen Callahan – T&ES, Faye Destgheib, T&ES, Raymond Mui (DASH)

A quorum being present, the Chair called the Transportation Commission meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

1. November 7, 2012 Minutes

Commissioner Posey asked if there were any comments regarding the November 7, 2012 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

2. Funding Update

T&ES staff, Marti Reinfeld reported:

City Council: Approved an application on November 13, 2012 for VDOT revenue sharing funds to rehabilitate Eisenhower (Van Dorn to Clermont Ave.). On November 27, 2012, considered several transportation measures in legislative package, including: letter endorsing additional transportation funds for NVTAF funds for Potomac Yard Metro opposing measures proposed changes to state transportation funding on performance indicators.

Commonwealth Transportation Board: Received a briefing on the 2035 update of Virginia Surface Transportation Plan.

DRPT: The transportation bill eliminates earmarked funds for commuter track lease fees. If the Commonwealth does not cover fees, the resulting deficit would require increases to jurisdiction subsidies or increased fares. The City urged the CTB to identify funding.

TPB: Discussed the CLRP and two federal programs revised by MAP-21: Transportation Alternatives Program, and Section 5310

WMATA: Approved release of a report which reviewed WMATA Board member actions in a real estate transaction.

NVTC: Received a briefing on the Transportation Efficiency and Consolidation Task Force; approved final report.

NVTA: Approved the Transportation Efficiency and Consolidation study; Approved the FY 2014-FY 2019 RSTP and CMAQ program for Northern Virginia.

3. FY 2014-23 CIP

T&ES staff Sandra Marks stated that each year, as part of the City budget process, a ten-year Capital Improvement Program is developed to program funding for major capital projects. Ms. Marks gave a brief update on the first draft CIP which includes projects that have been approved by Council. She stated the subcommittee should meet before the next Commission meeting in January to make any edits on staff's draft list of projects. The list will be submitted for consideration by the City Manager for preparation of his budget. Staff is readjusting how CIP funds will be allocated to be more in line with the Transportation Master Plan. Funding for the CIP comes from the City's general fund, grants, and the 2.2% real estate property tax and other non-City sources of funding including developer contributions.

4. Carshare Policy

T&ES staff Faye Dastgheib gave an overview on carsharing which is a sustainable Transportation Demand Management (TDM) tool that is being used to reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicle (SOV) travel and is a component of the City's Local Motion program. Car sharing programs allow members to reserve a car for hourly use. Members pay a flat annual fee. They can reserve a car anytime, via internet or phone. Rates generally cover gas, insurance, maintenance, and roadside assistance. The Carshare Alexandria! Program provides reimbursement for resident members for their first year of membership. According to a City survey, car ownership rates amongst participants decreased by 18 percent which confirms the fact that carsharing reduces the personal vehicle ownership/usage. The City is considering a citywide on-street carshare policy that would allow on-street parking spaces throughout the City to be designated as carshare spaces. Any designated spaces would have to be recommended by the Traffic and Parking Board. The Director of Transportation and Environmental Services will have the final approval authority. The City Attorney has not identified any legal impediments to reserving on-street parking spaces for private carsharing. Staff will continue to consult with the City Attorney's office as the policy evolves. City Council will be asked to endorse the On Street Carshare Policy at its January 8, 2013 meeting.

5. Staff Updates

The Commission received a written staff update on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station, and the Route 1 Transitway.

8. Commission Updates

- Election of Officers was held. Jennifer Mitchell was unanimously elected as Chair. Louisa Ward retains her position as Vice Chair.
- Sandra Marks thanked Kevin Posey for his service as Chair of the Transportation Commission for the past two years.
- Justin Wilson resigned from his position as a Transportation Commissioner. He talked about the excitement he experienced in being a part of the evolution of the Transportation Commission. On behalf of the Transportation Commission, Sandra Marks thanked Justin for his service on the Commission.

- Transportation Commission meetings time have officially changed from 7:30-9:30 pm to 7:00-9:00pm.

9. Other Business

- None.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 pm, seconded, voted on and unanimously approved.

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